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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UP-DATE OF SECRETARY'S BRIEFING MATERIALS FOR
MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER MANLEY

1. FOLLOWING UPDATES BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FROM ROGERS TO
THE SECRETARY FOR MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER MANLEY.

(S/S 7523753).

2. PAGE 7, END OF PARAGRAPH 5, ADD THE FOLLOWING: BEGIN
QUOTE: WE HAD HEARD LITTLE ABOUT THIS FAIRLY EXTRAVAGANT
PROPOSAL RECENTLY, BUT ON DECEMBER 29, MEYER MATALON,
SCION OF A DISTINGUISHED JAMAICAN FAMILY AND CLOSE FRIEND
OF MANLEY'S, CALLED EAGLEBURGER AND THEN ROGERS ABOUT IT.
(IT WAS MATALON WHO HAD FIRST VETTED THE IDEA WITH ROGERS
DURING A VISIT THE LATTER MADE TO JAMAICA IN AUGUST. OUR
FURTHER TALKS HAD BEEN LARGELY WITH THE JAMAICAN AMBASSADOR
HERE, WHOM MATALON IS PLEASED TO REGARD AS UNQUALIFIED
TO HANDLE SO GRAVE A MATTER.) MATALON THOUGHT IT WOULD
BE HELPFUL IF ROGERS AND HE COULD ADDRESS THE ISSUE

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DIRECTLY, AND REMOVE IT FROM THE DEAD HAND OF THE BUREAU-

CRACY. ROGERS SAID THAT HE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO SEE MATALON IN WASHINGTON, THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO LURE HIM TO THE CAPITAL ON FALSE PRETENSES, THAT THE UNITED STATES COULD NOT CONCEIVABLY PROVIDE A \$165 MILLION PACKAGE BI-

LATERALLY BUT THAT WE HAD SOME SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW JAMAICA, WITH OUR COOPERATION, MIGHT TRY TO FILL THE GAP THROUGH A COMBINATION OF IFI, PRIVATE SECTOR AND SELF-HELP. ROGERS SUGGESTED A MATALON VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN EARLY JANUARY, PRIOR TO FISHLOW'S PLANNED TRIP TO JAMAICA LATE IN THE MONTH. END QUOTE.

3. PAGE 8, ADD FINAL TALKING POINT UNDER PARAGRAPH 5, AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE: --I UNDERSTAND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY AL FISHLOW WILL BE MEETING LATE NEXT MONTH WITH JAMAICAN TECHNICAL EXPERTS IN KINGSTON TO EXPLORE THE JAMAICAN PROBLEM AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. ALSO, ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS HAS SUGGESTED THAT HE AND MEYER MATALON CONTINUE THEIR DIALOGUE, AND MR. ROGERS HOPES TO SEE MATALON IN WASHINGTON WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. END QUOTE. ROBINSON

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